OF NOTE

Briefings

★ Smooth Move

Smooth Move Brief is **May 1**, 1:30-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Learn how to make that next move your easiest.

Register at 846-0741.

* Business counseling

Retired military members now working at the Service Corp of Retired Executives Small Business Counseling offer advice and answer at appointments **May 6**, 9 a.m.-noon, in the Family Support Center.

Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Call 846-0741 to make an appointment.

★ Transition, survivor benefits

Transition and the Survivor Benefit Plan Workshop is **today**, 9-10:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

* Investment class

The ABCs of Investment is **April 28**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Family Support Center.

Register at 845-0741.

★ Train as sponsor

Sponsor Training is **April 29**, 10-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Closings

* Med group closings

The 377th Medical Group announces closings in May.

Except for Sick Call, the clinic is closed for Training Day, May 15. No appointments are accepted on Safety Day, May 16, or through May 17-18. During an operational readiness exercise, May 19-22, services are limited or modified.

The clinic also is closed for the Air Force Materiel Command Family Day, **May 23**, and through Memorial Day, **May 26**.

★ IG office closes

The Inspector General Office closes **today** and **May 2** during retirement ceremonies for Col. Richard Savage and Lt. Col. James Beach.

Education

★ Professional development

To learn about the Top 3's Enlisted Professional Development Course, contact Master Sgt. David A. Halvorson at david.halvorson@ kirtland.af.mil.

The course was developed to fill the gap between Airman Leadership School and NCO Academy.

It features a relaxed classroom atmosphere designed to further develop and refine the abilities of staff sergeants with a mix of informal lectures, group participation, panel forums and one-on-one discussions.

No tests are given in the course.

★ College testing

The Education Center offering the English CLEP,

DANTES, PME and proctored tests **Mondays**, **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** at 8:30 a.m., and **Wednesdays** at 8:30 a.m.

Register in person or call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

★ Scholarships offered

The Zia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is accepting applications for its 2003 Eloy J. Baca Memorial Scholarship.

Application deadline is **May 16**.

Completed application packages, including all supporting documentation, should be mailed to: Sandra M. Maes, NCMA Zia Chapter Scholarship Chair, Directorate of Contracting, Detachment 8 AFRL/PKDP, 2251 Maxwell Avenue SE, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5773.

Call 846-4635.

Events

★ Welcome tour

A Welcome to New Mexico Tour is **today**, 10:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Meet in the Family Support Center to take a trip to the Sandia Tram, Cottonwood Mall and Old Town.

Register at 846-0741.

* ALS graduation

The Airman Leadership School hosts a graduation ceremony and luncheon for Class 03-E, **May 15**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets for \$8 a person for club members and \$10 for nonmembers are available through **April 30** from students or by e-mail at 377MSS. DPN@kirtland.af.mil.

For upcoming class information and eligible attendees, check the Airman Leadership School Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil/organizations/ALS/index.

* Heritage event

The Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month is May. This year the event theme is "Salute to Liberty."

Events are a food sampling, May 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with guest speaker Frank Cruz from Defense Threat Reduction Agency, on the Mini-Mall parking lot, and the Great Aloha Cookout, May 29, at Bicentennial Park, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with guest speaker Col. Linda Jones, the 377th Support Group commander.

Tickets are \$7 at the door and \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

★ Volunteers

The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Picnic are **May 2**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center.

The event celebrates all volunteers on Kirtland AFB who contribute their time and expertise to make the base a quality community. All volunteers, their families and guests are invited.

★ Military banquet

The Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual Armed Forces Banquet, **May 17**, at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid.

Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, is guest speaker. Individual tickets for retired military and chamber members are \$50 a person; for active duty military, Reservists and Guard are \$35, and for nonmembers of the chamber are \$65.

Call Celatha Pennington, 764-3743.

★ Vets lecture series

The New Mexico Veterans Memorial hosts free lectures at the Visitors Center, 10:30 a.m., at 1100 Louisiana Boulevard Southeast.

"Youngest B-17 Crew in World War II" by Paul Wasner is **May 3.**

★ Det. 12 Dining Out

The second annual Space and Missile Systems Center Detachment 12 Dirty Dozen Dining Out is **May 2**, in the Mountain View Club. Guest speaker is Gen. Lance W. Lord, Air Force Space Command commander.

For ticket information, call Capt. Jared Burdin, 846-8354.

Meetings

★ Hearts Apart with Congresswoman Wilson

The Hearts Apart Support Group and Small Hearts Apart (for children) meet **May 3**, 11 a.m.noon, in the Consolidated Support Building, Room 120.

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The group is open to all families with a deployed member.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

★ 5-6 Club

The 5-6 Club meets **April 28**, 12:30 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of Sandia Crest Club.

A tour of the Confinement Center is at 1 p.m.

Call Tech. Sgt. Jennifer R. Mixon at 853-5813.

Miscellanea

★ NM legislative support

A bill signed by the New Mexico governor offers provisions to the New Mexico Guard and Reserve.

The bill gives: refunds or credits for tuition to state colleges while the individuals are on active duty and deployed;

a one-year extension to file a state personal income tax return after return from deployment

a one month extension after return from a deployment to renew a driver's license if it has expired; and a free general hunting and fishing license for the year following a member's deactivation and return to the state.

In addition, the state will waive college tuition for four consecutive years for surviving children of members of the New Mexico National Guard or Reserve who are killed in the line of duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

★ Roadwork

Texas Street repaving, phase 1, from G to K avenues, begins **April 28**.

Signs will be posted for the four-week projects.

Seek alternate routes to parking areas.

* Boxing discount

Military members can cash in on discounted tickets for seven boxing games **tonight** at the Sandia Casino Amphitheater.

Although Albuquerque's two-time world champion Danny Romero, Jr., was scheduled as the main attraction, due to illness, he will not be fighting.

Discounted tickets are \$10 and can be purchased, showing military ID, up to game time at the Sandia Casino ticket office inside the main entrance. Doors open at 6 p.m. with first bout scheduled at 6:30.

* Free admission

Active duty military, Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard and National Guard members and their families will be admitted free for a single day to Seaworld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place during "Operation Salute."

Each member can bring four direct family members into the gardens beginning Memorial Day and concluding Veterans Day.

★ A/C changeover

The 377th Civil Engineers are changing from heating to cooling in base facilities through **May 9**.

All headquarters facilities, dormitories and other high-use facilities will be prioritized for the service.

Call 846-8222.

Personnel

★ Thrift Savings Plan

Thrift Savings Plan accounts open season ends **June 30**.

Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www. dfas.mil/emss/ or by completing the form TSP-U-1 at personnel, finance or family support.

Information is available for civilians at the Thrift Savings Web site: www.tsp.gov/ or the BEST homepage at www.afpc.randolph.af. mil/dpc/best/menu.htm and for Air Force military members: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/

mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_ plan.htm. All Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make their TSP contribution

elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at 800-997-2378.

Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD 800-382-0893.

Counselors are available weekdays, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The BEST Employee Benefits Information System Web application is located at www.afpc. randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.

Recruiting

★ Blood drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives at Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Others drives are: 150th Fighter Wing, **May** 7, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Bloodmobile by the wing clinic;

Kirtland NCO Academy, **May 8**, 8-11 a.m., in front of the academy;

377th Logistics Readiness and Mission Support Squadron, **May 14**, noon-4 p.m., Vehicle Operations Building 20356; 377th Medical Group, **May 15**, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

★ Vehicle decals

Kirtland AFB vehicle decals are available at Pass and Registration in the Consolidated Support Building.

Any unit doing its own registration using Security Forces Management Infor-

mation Systems should place orders at 846-6429.

Individuals must have vehicle registration, proof of insurance, drivers license, identification card and an emissions test for vehicle years 1975-2001 registered out of Bernalillo County.

Call 846-6429.

VA Health Care System presents flags to med group

The New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System presented American and New Mexico flags to deploying 377th Medical Groups members April 22 to show support and encouragement for the unit's personnel currently assigned overseas.

The flags were donated by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Col. Regina Aune, 377th Medical Group commander, spoke at the presentation program.

TEAM KIRTLAND AF assistance fund goal at 49 percent

On this last day of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, TEAM KIRTLAND has met 49 percent of its goal to raise \$56,471.

Krispy Kreme Donuts are on sale today, 6:30-9 a.m., at Maxwell and Gibson child development centers. Gaspumping for customers is offered by donation at the East Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

To make a donation, you may also contact Capt. Ruizsoriano at 846-6134 or 1st Lt. Douglas Chilson at 846-3100.

Commissary shelves low

Shoppers at the Kirtland AFB Commissary have noticed the shelves are looking bare.

Severe problems with stocking the shelves is due to trouble relating to distributors that service the Commissary, according to a release from the Commissary administrative office.

The Commissary staff regrets any inconvenience to its loyal customers and expects service to improve by May 3.